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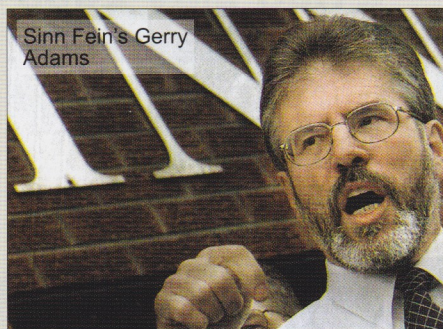
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● ADAMS 'INCRIMINATED' OVER IRA BREAK-IN

Last month Tony Blair announced that Northern Ireland was "frustratingly close" to a deal that would allow politicians back into the empty Northern Ireland Assembly. In reality the situation has not changed since 1998, with the IRA still being more than ambiguous about destroying all weapons and stating that "the war" was over. This is a classical example of Blair's ability with the three card trick and trying to kid the people that there is progress when there is not. More important are the connections of Sinn Féin's leaders with the IRA.

We are prepared to accept the word of both Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness of Sinn Féin that they no longer have any connection with the IRA. However, we would draw readers' attention to the following report from the *Daily Telegraph* of March 13th.

"Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness have been incriminated in a report on the IRA break-in at police intelligence headquarters in Northern Ireland, the House of Commons was told yesterday.

"The Sinn Féin leaders were named under Parliamentary privilege as being behind an IRA plan to take top-secret documents, including details of police informants, from Special Branch's base in Castlereagh, Belfast.

"David Burnside, the member for South

Antrim, believes that the Government is suppressing the report because it will hinder plans to restore devolution in Northern Ireland by compromising Sinn Féin, the IRA's political wing."

● THE BBC'S PRO-RED CAUCUS

The BBC has already been criticised over the pro-Communist bias of its new drama series, *Cambridge Spies*, before the first part was shown on May 9th. It presents Kim Philby, Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean and Anthony Blunt as heroic idealists "fighting against fascism" as they spied for the Soviet Union. These four traitors betrayed the lives of nearly a hundred anti-communist agents and caused untold damage to British interests.

The BBC has admitted that this piece of KGB propaganda has merged fact with fiction so that the viewers "could understand the idealism that had driven them to spy for Communist Russia". Oleg Gordievsky, a former senior KGB agent, said the drama reminded him of the Soviet textbooks of the 1950s and 1960s in portraying the English upper class as "indolent, stupid and viciously anti-semitic, lording it over their poor, honest proletarian servants".

The pro-red caucus that has produced this travesty of the truth includes: Jane Tranter, the head of BBC drama commissioning, and Peter Moffat, script writer.

We, the viewers, have to pay for the outpouring of the "British Brainwashing Corporation" by law. It is time that law was changed. Scrap their licence.

● CORNISH 'POLICE STATE'

Fishing News last month carried the headline "Newlyn Like a Police State". Cornish fishermen were up in arms over what seemed to be a flagrant example of double standards, following draconian restrictions on cod-fishing imposed by Brussels to conserve supposedly vanishing stocks. The seas around Cornwall are swarming with more cod than fishermen can remember for 30 years. But so miniscule are their quotas that Cornish boats must dump hundreds of tonnes of dead cod

back into the sea. Twelve boats have already had their licences suspended for not dumping enough dead cod.

What enrages the Newlyn fishermen even more is the sight of a dozen French trawlers "filling their boats" with cod in the same Cornish waters and taking them back home without fear of reprisal.



● CALL FOR BLACKS ONLY SCHOOL

A school specifically for black children may be opened in a bid to tackle under-achievement among Afro-Caribbean youngsters. Church leaders are putting together plans for the 'black-led' school in Birmingham. It follows increasing concern that poor education performance is causing a crime wave in the city.

Some local headteachers have criticised the idea, saying that segregation is not a sound foundation for a healthy society. But Bishop Joe Aldred, vice-chairman of the Council of Black Led Churches in Birmingham, said they could no longer tolerate under-achieving Afro-Caribbean children becoming cannon fodder for drug-dealers. It is important for children to have black headteachers and staff as role models, he added.

The BNP agrees with the Bishop, with the proviso that we have white schools for our indigenous white children.

● ALIEN GANGS STEAL FROM POST OFFICES

Both the Metropolitan Police and the City of London Police have confirmed that they are seeing an increase in West African and Asian gangs infiltrating Britain's postal depots to steal credit cards and cheques. Banks and credit card companies are already trying to reduce losses by refusing to deliver cards to some postcodes.

The Financial Ombudsman Service has warned of the growing rise of "cheque conversion", where cheques are intercepted in transit. A spokesman said: "It's alarmingly easy now to scan in a cheque and produce a highly convincing forgery".



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BNP Stand on Iraq Was Correct

The collapse of Iraqi resistance to the American/British invasion has given us several military and political lessons. The technological supremacy of American weaponry means that its military power has no rivals, irrespective of the quality of its troops. Many, particularly those who led the advance on Baghdad, were first class, but others were not and appeared to be poorly trained. The British forces showed again that without doubt they are the best trained of all modern forces, although second best equipped, and when the fighting stopped their superior training came into play with their ability to relate to a civilian populace, to "win hearts and minds".

The gross tactical errors committed by the Iraqi military would indicate that Saddam was badly wounded (if not killed) in the initial American air strike and that in consequence no one would take the responsibility of taking over military control. Hence the bridges and oil wells which were left intact, although they had been wired for explosives.

The main political lesson to be learnt is that the BNP's stand was correct. We admitted that Saddam was a bloodstained tyrant but he was not a threat to Britain — nor the American people — and it was not in our interests to lose our servicemen and women in removing him, or most of the other world tyrants come to that. Naturally, we gave full support to our forces once Blair had committed them to the war — which 33 gave their lives for. Let Blair be given notice that if his mentor, the mad Emperor of the West, now decides to attack Syria and/or Iran, this time he does it on his own.

However, Bush and Blair told us that the war was not just to remove a tyrant: it was because Saddam threatened world peace with his weapons of mass destruction. At the time of writing there is still no sign of them, although the Americans, or the *Daily Telegraph*, may have 'found' some by now! Oh, we nearly forgot. It was also to introduce 'democracy' to the people of Iraq. The looting, pillaging, murder and rape that

was seen in Baghdad and other cities of Iraq was, I suppose, like the form of 'democracy' we have seen enacted in British inner cities over the past year or two. And the scenes of thousands of breast-beating, self-mutilating, Shia Moslems demanding a fundamentalist state were not at all as George and Tony visualised.

In regard to the looting and destruction of Iraq's historical treasures it has been suggested by some that the reason why American soldiers did nothing to prevent it was that it was organised by Mossad, Israel's secret service. Although it is very obvious that Israel was about the only benefactor of this war (certainly not Palestine, whose territory they stole), the claim is a bit far fetched. More likely is that the looting and destruction was carried out by Shia fundamentalists, possibly aided by Iran. The looting was carried out to raise funds and it was probably via Iranian connections that stolen artefacts were so soon for sale on the internet. The destruction that took place was almost completely of the priceless treasures of the great Babylonian, Hittite and Assyrian civilisations that predate the birth of Mohammed by several thousand years. Moslem fundamentalists wish to destroy all vestiges of other cultures in areas they control. They did this in Egypt, in Spain and most recently in Afghanistan with the destruction of Buddhist statues. And some wish to do the same in Britain.

OUR TROJAN HORSE

Immediately prior to and during the Iraq war Moslems resident in Britain took to the streets opposing the war, which is their right in a democratic state. Despite calls for moderation from many Moslem religious leaders, in many towns and cities there were those inspired by fundamentalists who were openly praying for the death of British soldiers, calling for a holy war and even preaching revolution. We could fill several pages with quotes from various provincial papers. The following reports from the *Luton*



on Sunday of March 30th are typical of most.

"Members of Al-Muhajiroun, an outspoken Muslim group, handed out inflammatory leaflets and one told our reporter: 'People may be surprised to see us cheering the death of allied soldiers but they are our enemies.'"

"Al-Muhajiroun's Luton spokesman, Sayfulislam, said: 'We want Muslims to support the call for Jihad (holy war) whether it be physically, financially or verbally... We abide by one law and that is Islam, not democratically set rules.'"

"Sayfulislam added that dedicated followers of Islam want to see an Islamic state set up spanning the world.

"He added: 'We want one here in England, why not? We want to see the black flag of Al-Muhajiroun flying above 10 Downing Street.'"

" 'This is not about nationality but belief. Luton's Muslims must realise they are being betrayed by the Government and make a stand. How they make that stand, whether it be fighting or not, is down to each individual.' "

The BNP would suggest that our troops be brought home from Iraq immediately. It would appear that there is a need for them to be seen prominently in our towns and cities, and not forgetting Luton. Perhaps also with the experience of searching "hearts and minds" in Basra they could also assist our immigration authorities to detect those who also share the views of these Moslem fanatics before they are allowed to set foot in Britain. An interim measure, of course, before the BNP policy of halting all further immigration is put into force.

SUCCESS BREEDS SUCCESS

How we are going to build on our best results ever

Yet again it was a British National Party election. The general election of 2001 and last year's council elections were the same too, with more media attention being devoted to advances by the BNP — and to trying to prevent it — than to any other subject.

Our victories, and the other steps into the mainstream highlighted by Tony Lecomber elsewhere in this issue, speak for themselves. Two of the minor 'historic firsts' which I outlined here a couple of months ago — the first BNP seat to be successfully defended, and the first ward to be served by two BNP councillors at the same time — all happened in Burnley in one fantastic night!

Rather less obvious, but no less important, is the impact of these three major election campaigns on the trot which have centred so heavily on our party. The cumulative effect of such extensive and repeated publicity for the BNP as a serious electoral challenger is now enormous.

This public recognition and sympathy factor has so far only manifested itself in two little noticed ways. First, in a number of wards — such as those on the relatively well-to-do edges of towns like Burnley and Oldham — where we came first or second despite putting out only one leaflet. Second, in the opinion poll quoted in the *Daily Mail* of 4th May. The paper told how "fresh evidence of the alarming rise of the British National Party emerges today as a new poll reveals that six out of ten voters support its extremist stance on asylum seekers."

Out of 1,689 adults questioned by online pollsters

YouGov, one in seven adults — 14 per cent — said they would consider voting BNP, while a further one in four said they support our aims but wouldn't yet vote for us. Four in ten voters support our policy of halting all further immigration.

From the report in the *Mail*, it appears that the questions were biased against us, not least by presenting BNP policies as more 'extreme' than they really are. Furthermore, an online poll automatically shuts out of the reckoning the 50% of the population who still do not have access to the Internet.

The fact that nearly half of those questioned agreed with the pollsters' proposition that the BNP is "thoroughly unpleasant," while acting as a welcome caution against triumphalism, therefore almost certainly overstates the proportion of the electorate as a whole which opposes us.

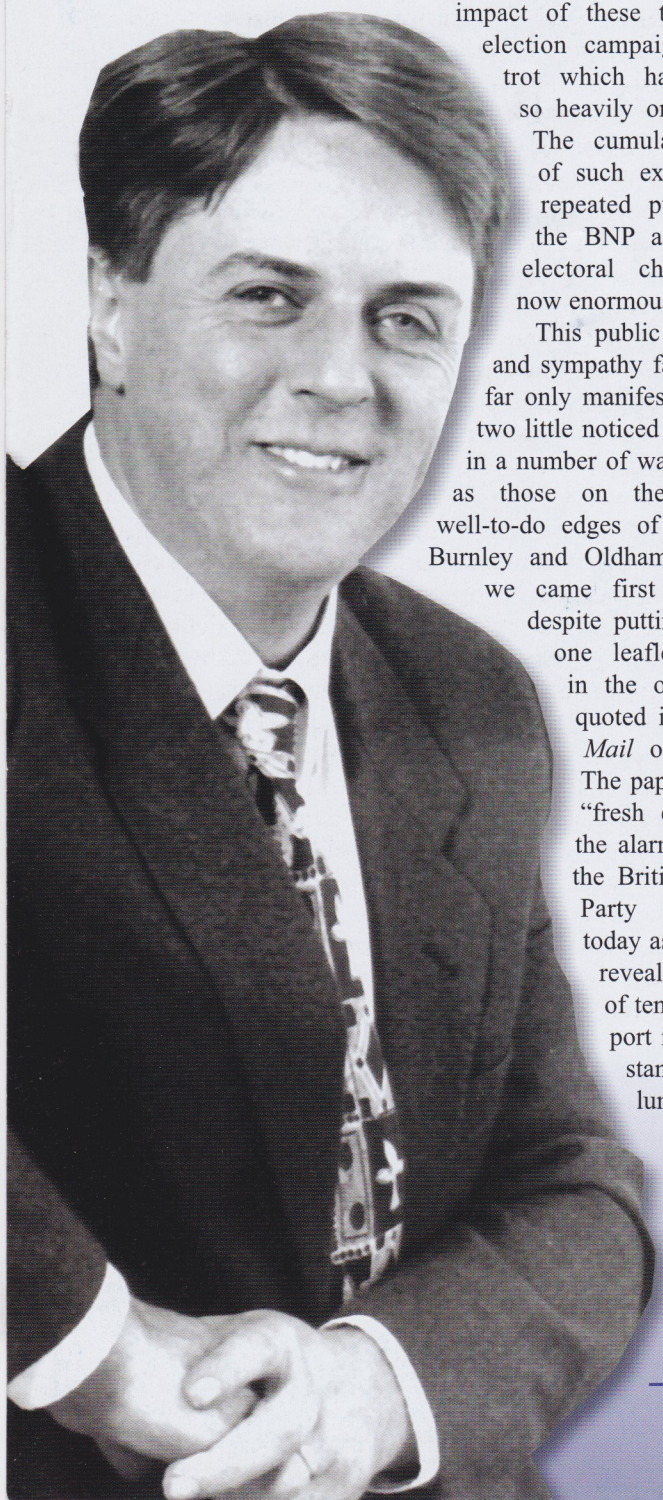
NATIONAL AVERAGE WAS 17.3%

The verdict of the opinion poll is backed up by the results in the real world. Our national average — which was gained in a wide cross section of wards, many of them by no means the best we could have picked — weighed in at a stunning 17.3%. Interestingly, this is remarkably similar to the best nationwide results polled by various European mainland nationalist parties, including several hitherto seen as many times more successful than us. This includes the *Front National*, whose leader I had the pleasure of meeting in London last week, and who believes that we have a serious chance of making it into the European Parliament next year and whose own MEPs will be happy to show us the ropes and cooperate with us if we do.

All in all, then, it is clear that three years of activists' hard work and the resulting extensive media coverage at election times — combined with the concerted effort made during that time to do what we can to improve our image — have turned the British National Party into a household name with a significant amount of support and a larger amount still of loose sympathy.

All of a sudden, the old established parties have to reckon on us not just as a local worry in areas of ethnic tension, but also as a potential national political force which will finally break the corrupt Politically Correct "gentlemen's agreement" to deny the British people an effective electoral choice. On key issues relating to immigration and multi-culturalism, our submergence in a federal Europe, the imposition of a liberal crime policy and the destruction of Britain's industrial base through globalism, voters don't have to accept the three party consensus any more.

That said, none of this would do us any good if we allowed ourselves to get cocky and to believe that the British people are about to sweep us into power whatever we do. But we're not going to get cocky and lose touch with political reality. The fact that the British electorate are showing signs of moving towards us does not give us a licence to stand on a 'hardline' soapbox, rather it makes it even more important that we make an even greater effort to present our core principles and key aims in a realistic way aimed at getting as close as we can to our ideals rather than shouting for the moon. Just because we've managed to win a few crumbs doesn't mean that the British electorate



will shortly decide to give us the whole cake. They won't, and anyone saying that we should demand the whole cake is either a fool or a self-serving knave. This party cannot afford to be influenced by either.

GRASS ROOTS COMMUNITY POLITICS

Nor would our present toehold on real popularity do us much good if there wasn't another wave of important elections just around the political corner. In some areas our support base can be consolidated by hard grass-roots community politics work, and by aiming for a huge increase in the number of candidates we field next May. But in much of the country it will continue to be fuelled mainly by popular concern over issues such as asylum which are beyond our control. If the Powers That Be made a real effort to defuse those issues, our 'soft' support in areas where we do not yet have a solid organisational base could easily wither away.

Fortunately, we already have less than a year before our next big electoral opportunity. In fact, next year will see the biggest electoral opportunity in the entire history of British nationalism, and perhaps the biggest that the BNP will ever see. Late Spring 2004 is going to see a unique 'double whammy' election, a unique one-off opportunity that we must seize with both hands.

At the start of May, there will be a huge wave of municipal elections. Boundary changes over much of the Midlands and the North of England mean that every single seat will be up for grabs in dozens of important councils. The factor which helped our initial breakthrough in Burnley last year, where the availability of three seats per ward mean that a second or third place suffices to get a councillor elected, will operate over vast swathes of our prime territory. In our best wards, it gives us the chance to get two or three councillors elected per ward in one go. In addition, of course, there are elections in London, both for the London Mayor and the Greater London Assembly. Having shaken the Powers That Be by taking a seat in 'white flight' Hertfordshire, these are contests which we know have the potential to show that our party is now a serious factor in the political face of our capital as well.

In the run-up to polling day, this virtually guarantees media hysteria over the prospect of a much broader and deeper BNP breakthrough. And with enough grass-roots preparation work — starting now — it gives us a very good chance of that extended breakthrough actually happening on polling day. This, of course, will produce a further media BNP frenzy, raising our profile and our credibility and support among the population as a whole still further.

This means that we have the chance of going into the nationwide European Elections on 1st June next year with an even bigger chance than if that contest was due this year, in just a few weeks. A brief look at what we could be hoping for if the euros were indeed just around the corner illustrates just how important next year could be. The European Elections are run on a Proportional Representation system which makes it much easier for minority parties to win seats. The precise percentage needed to elect an MEP varies from region to region, and even according to how different parties fare on the day. That said, if the regional average percentages which we have just achieved were duplicated next June, here's what would happen:

North West England (council election average 24.9%) first

BNP MEP elected with about 10% of the vote, leaving a serious possibility of getting a second elected as well;

West Midlands (council election average 22.8%) one BNP MEP elected with about 12.5%, remote possibility of a second seat;

England South East (combined council election average approximately 15%) one BNP MEP elected with about 9% of the vote;

Yorkshire (council election average 17.1%) one BNP MEP elected with about 12.5% of the vote;

East Midlands (council election average 18.2%) possibility of a single BNP seat with 17% of the vote;

England South West and North East, good BNP average votes of 10.4% and 12.3% would not be enough to elect an MEP. The same is likely to be true in East Anglia, Wales and Scotland.

Five British National Party Members of the European Parliament! That would transform the party's financial position and our media credibility. And it would mean that we would play a major role in a significant pan-European anti-EU bloc — patriots from all over Europe fighting the federalist beast at its very heart. That's the prize that could be within our grasp in just over twelve months time!

Of course, it's far from guaranteed. For a start, there's the problem of the anti-European pressure group UKIP. While we beat them in the majority of council seats where we went head to head, it has to be said that the European Elections are their battleground of choice, and that they are far better funded than we are and — being essentially a Politically Correct safety valve — don't suffer the media opprobrium that we do. Last time around they managed to win Euro seats in the south West, South East and East Anglia. Hence we have to acknowledge that their splitting of the patriotic, anti-EU vote is likely to cost us several seats at least.

For that matter, our standing will almost certainly cost them seats too. At the last European election, the BNP was barely a blip on the horizon in the regions where they won. On our showing on 1st May, our vote will cost them all three of their present seats. Clearly this splitting of the broadly patriotic vote is very unwelcome, so UKIP's Johnnie-Come-Lately leadership were contacted on May 3rd with a view to negotiating some kind of electoral pact. As expected, they rejected such a deal out of hand, something which could easily mean that next year's European election ends up with not a single anti-EU MEP being sent to Strasbourg from Britain.

Obviously, this would be a blow to the BNP, but as it would come just one month after what should be another big step forwards in terms of local council success and influence, it would be a blow from which we would bounce back. For starters, we'd have the raised profile and the recruitment surge resulting from the distribution of some 20 million British National Party election addresses. And we'd have the following year's council elections to look forward to in various parts of the country.

UKIP, by contrast, will be devastated by losing their seats. Their membership will look for scapegoats and, quite rightly, will find them among the cowardly leaders who put Political Correctness before the chance to send a record number of anti-federalist MEPs to Strasbourg. As a direct consequence of UKIP's lemming-like 'strategy', I can confirm here that the British National Party will contest every English region in

next year's European Parliamentary elections. The situation in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales is still under discussion, and depends largely on local activists.

EUROPE — BNP WILL CONTEST EVERY ENGLISH REGION

Contesting the English seats alone will require £45,000 for the deposits, plus a larger sum again for even basic election addresses. With the central expenditure involved in organising such a huge campaign, we will see no change (except saved deposits after the event) from £200,000. Some of this will be raised centrally at a national level, but large sums must also be raised locally.

The precise mechanics of our co-ordinated appeals towards this, the biggest financial target in BNP history, will be unveiled in next month's *Identity*. In the meantime, I ask all our readers to give some serious thought to that figure of £200,000. It might sound huge, but imagine just 200 people giving up just 20 cigarettes a day and putting into their own mini — BNP Euro fund, the money they save while getting healthier — problem solved. Imagine 400 people making up their mind to do just £12.50-worth of overtime or odd jobs per week for the next year — problem solved. Imagine one hundred local BNP units committing themselves to raising an average of just £40 a week each through car-boot sales, door-to-door *Freedom* sales and a string of small social events — problem solved.

Imagine one or two ways in which you can help us reach this, the most important financial and political target in the history of our long struggle to win our country back. And then stop imag-

ining, and start making the remarkably small amount of effort which is all you need to turn your personal goal into reality.

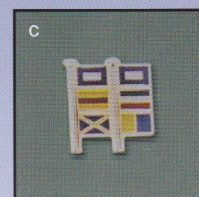
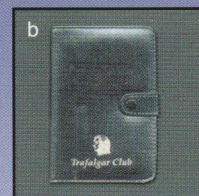
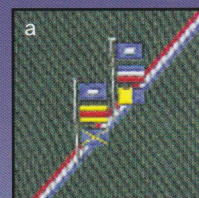
ALL AGAINST US EXCEPT THE BRITISH PEOPLE

Just look at what we faced, and overcame, in the election just gone: The other parties were against us. Their thuggish and anti-democratic allies in the far-left were against us. The police who refused to stop them breaking the law were against us. The Electoral Commission, which refused even to explain the law to the police, was against us. Returning officers who refused to demand that the police should stop leftist thugs picketing polling station entrances were against us. Local authorities that illegally refused us public meeting halls were against us. Police chiefs who let red mobs threaten and assault our candidates, and who ordered baton charges against our supporters when they went to their defence were against us. The entire broadcast media, particularly the BBC, were against us. Every single national and regional newspaper was against us, filling up page after page with half-truths, distortions and outright lies: The *Sun* and The *Express* both running editorials on polling day ordering their millions of readers not to vote for us.

Everybody was against us — except the British people. That's how it will be again next May and next June, it's how it will always be, until we win. And, you know, when I think of what those same 'politicians', media hacks and institutionally anti-white police chiefs have done to our country and our people, I wouldn't want their support if they disinfected it. Everyone is against us — except the British people. That'll do me!

ENGLAND EXPECTS

Trafalgar Club members make a crucial contribution to the growth and success of the BNP. And now more than ever more members are necessary to ensure the party keeps on winning. Members pledge a minimum of £15 per month, in return for which they are entered into a prize draw every month, receive occasional special internal bulletins, and are entitled to attend the annual Trafalgar Club dinner free of charge. In addition, gentlemen first year members receive a Trafalgar Club Tie (a), ladies receive a personalised organiser file (b). The tie carries the first two 'words' of Nelson's semaphore signal before the Battle of Trafalgar — "England Expects." A fine enamel badge has now been produced for second year members (c).



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104,037 votes nationwide, 13 Council wins, dozens of second places, Tories beaten across 80 seats, BNP become official opposition on Burnley Council

Tony Lecomber takes a look at...

COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS 2003

First of all, before looking at the in depth nitty gritty, all of our wonderful, magnificent candidates deserve a rousing 'hurrah'.

After last year's successful Council Elections where the party contested 68 seats and gained its first elected office for nine years, the plan was to push for greater numbers of seats to be fought – and within the larger number, to contest a few very hard to maximise the chances of winning. The party flew past the 200 target figure in some style, fielding 220 candidates for the Council elections (though one election in Walsall was cancelled owing to the death of a fringe candidate) plus a seat each in the National Assemblies of Scotland and Wales. For this effort, the candidates can all be justly proud of themselves – and the party can be proud of them.

The party had been looking to win five or six seats to maintain momentum with a dozen being at the high end of expectations. In the event, thirteen wins made this election an unqualified success. Importantly, the party expanded beyond its northern heartland into the Midlands and the South to give real meaning to the BNP being a National party.

With so many results, *Identity* cannot print them all, so this article is better read with a copy of the party's paper *Freedom* close to hand where they have been.

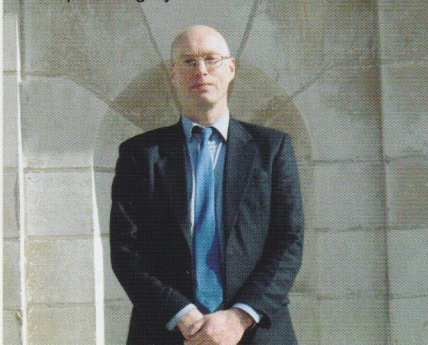
Burnley provided more than half the night's wins – seven in total – taking the party's tally in Burnley to eight and to become the official i.e. largest opposition party in the town. The scalps this time were Briercliffe taken by Patricia Thompson, Brunshaw taken by Maureen Stowe, Cliviger won by Brian Turner, Gannow won by Carol Hughes, Hapton Wood taken by Len Starr, Lanehead won by Luke Smith – our youngest councillor and Whittlefield ward which was won by Barry Birks. Unlike last year where

the whole council was up for grabs and the party only needed to come third to win, this time the party won by coming first with the exception of Whittlefield ward where two seats were on offer as the result of a by-election held on the same day.

Interestingly, the party's vote in Burnley was down in every ward – the result of a fall in turnout, but with one exception the party's share of the vote increased.

The vote in Brunshaw ward, for instance plummeted from 919 last year to 715 this time, but falling turnout saw the party's share go up from 32.6% to 37% to win by just 3 votes – the narrowest win of the night. On the other hand, victory eluded the party by just 65 votes in Gawthorpe and 45 in Rosehill. While the vote

Richard Chadfield: flew the flag in Stockport Edgley



may have fallen from 9,984 last time to 8,563 as a result of reduced interest from last year when the whole council was up for grabs, the important point to note is that the party's share rose from 27% last year to 35.7% this time. Every Burnley candidate came either first or second.

Elsewhere in the North West there were some excellent first time results. Paul Stafford in Allerdale, Wigton took 261 votes for 18% of the poll and a stunning 25.2% was obtained from 578 votes to come second when Mark Ward contested Tameside, Hyde-Newton – some 300 votes behind the winning Labour candidate.

The party's new Pendle group showed its worth, fighting four seats to get an average 26.1% of the vote and getting three second places. Brian Parker with 441 votes was only 61 votes behind the winning LibDem candidate in Vivary Bridge. The party's new Clitheroe group can also feel justly pleased with themselves. Covering all five town wards, votes of over 200 gave a town total of 1,284 for an average 21.7%.

Oldham was the other big player in the North West, taking 6 second places and 4 thirds, but like last year just couldn't find a winning spot and held exactly the same town percentage as last year – 27.3%.

The party's regional average is down fractionally on last year – from 25.3% to 24.9% but this is despite a significant rise in seats contested and is way above the 10% needed region-wide to secure election in next year's European elections. Indeed, 24.9% would be enough to secure **two** MEPs from the North West! In any event, the 22,548 votes region wide over just 44 wards is way above the party's 13,587 votes for the whole region in Euro '99 where the party obtained 1.34%.

The North East fielded an astonishing 54 candidates including a full slate of 25 in Sunderland. Average votes of 10% in Darlington, 11.7% in Gateshead (up three points), 10.1% in Newcastle, 12.6% in Stockton and 13.8% in Sunderland (down one point from last year) gave the party an overall 12.3% regional average, scooping 20,848 votes across the region – more than six times as many votes as when the party contested the whole region in Euro '99. In Sunderland, all comparable votes are up from last year with six second places. Even so the party was generally trailing the first placed candidate by at least 900 votes. Given this fact, when the much anticipated Council Elections of next year fall due – when whole councils have every

single seat up for election, unless the party locally raises its game there is little likelihood of shared voting seeing BNP candidates elected. Shared voting can certainly sometimes close a gap of 200-300, but not 900-1,000. Nevertheless, the party's position in Sunderland is hugely improved and if building continues, then who knows?

The all-postal ballot nature of most of the North East's elections was particularly useful for the party, as activists were too stretched to put out a leaflet in every ward. The postal ballot slip sent to every elector would have reminded people that the party was in the race which undoubtedly helped overcome this shortfall to some extent. The idea that the government has that increased turnout will keep the BNP out is a fallacy. Moreover, BNP activists in the North East proved adept at knocking 'yes' canvasses to personally take voters' ballot papers to a pillar box/the town hall. Yes, the BNP can play postal ballots too!

Yorkshire's 45 candidates included some getting good first time results, notably Paul Cromie's 1,489 for 30% in Bradford, Queensbury – just 144 short of the winning candidate and 587 for 18.2% in Sheffield, Brightside for Chris Hartigan – one of two seats fought in the city by a very new group. Impressive work has gone into Kirklees over the last year, yielding a dramatic rise in the party's support but still without a win, which will be likely rectified next year. 6,760 votes gave the party a 20.4% share of the vote – up from 12.1% last year, two second spots – highs of 1,456 for Nick Cass in Thornhill for 27.8% and 1,361 for Karl Hanson in Mirfield for 30.1% – another first time result.

Calderdale gave the party another win in Halifax, where Richard Mulhall took Illingworth ward with 896 votes and 38.7% of the vote. The 5,906 votes across the borough gave an average of 27.6%. A town average of 20.5% in Bradford makes very similar reading to Kirklees and town averages of 11.3% in Doncaster and 12.2% in

Leeds gave an overall regional average of 17.1% – enough to get an MEP elected if repeated around the County.

Lone Scottish Council candidate Stephen Burns contested E. Ayrshire, Auckinleck making a first for the party which has never previously contested council elections in Scotland. 73 votes for 5% of the poll was enough to beat the Tories and come only just behind the Scottish Socialist Party.

The South West contested 17 wards to obtain averages of 11.9% in Torbay, 11% in Taunton and 9.3% in Bristol giving a 10.4% average across the entire region. A number of very rural seats were contested for the first time, and Peter Mullins in N. Cornwall, Alternun & Peter Chantler in N. Devon, N. Moulton obtained votes yielding 9.8% and 11.9% of the vote. The best South West result was a cred-

Johns (26.9%). Jack Tyrrell's 420 votes in S. Holland, Weston & Moulton was amongst the best with 23.4%, but the highest vote went to Sadie Graham in Broxtowe, Brinsley where, in a straight fight with Labour, Sadie won 297 votes to Labour's 388, just 91 behind in a superb first time effort making for 43.4% of the vote, and making this seat winnable with a 3.3% swing next time. The E. Midlands average of 18.2%, if repeated around the region, would comfortably see a party MEP elected next year.

The West Midlands brought more election joy for the party. In Stoke, Longton N, Steve Batkin again contested this ward, this time topping it to become Councillor Batkin with 948 votes for 38.2% of the vote – more than doubling the party's previous share. Ian Clegg in Weston & Meir

N. came a very close second with 697 votes for 28.4% of the poll just 27 votes behind Labour. The Stoke average of 27.2% was very similar to Sandwell – 26.8% and which also saw more good news. Two new councillors were elected. John Salvage won in Prince's End with 754 votes (37%) – a 13 point rise and David Watkins took Great Bridge ward with 772 votes for 31.5% of the vote. The winning form continued in Dudley where Simon Darby won Castle &



Tameside, Hyde-Newton candidate Mark Ward (left) who came from nowhere to grab a second spot with a quarter of the vote

itable 16.8% in Calne Abberd, Wilts, where Robert Baggs took 101 votes.

Mid South region contested the first elections for the party ever – most of them in Southampton. Five candidates in Southampton obtained an average 8% and Barry Bennett in Bournemouth, W. Southbourne took 293 votes for 12.1%.

In the East Midlands, there were some good votes. Ashfield, Hucknall West saw Barry Hodgson take 472 votes for 19.8% of the vote. Clive Potter took 424 votes for 16.3% in Leicester, Thurncoat and good votes were also had in Blaby. Peter Francis picked up 215 votes in Muxloe for 17% and 224 votes were won by Michael Robinson in Enderby & St

Priory with 1,069 votes for 42.7% of the vote. Other good votes were had in Worcester where Martin Roberts took second place to Labour with 271 votes for 24.7% and in Coventry where Mark Payne took 1,013 votes in Woodlands for 20.6%. Birmingham also turned in good results for a City average of 14.2% giving an overall regional average of 22.8% – enough, if repeated in Euro 2004, to get two MEPs elected.

Last, but not least, the South East average of 17.1% across 17 wards contained, perhaps, the party's single most satisfying win of the evening. Ray Johns won Broxbourne, Rosedale in a first time effort with the biggest percentage of the night – 48.6% gain-

ing 496 votes to cruise to an easy victory. Near by, John Cope, standing in Broxbourne, Cheshunt N, more than doubled his vote on last year, increasing it by 18 points to come second with 451 votes and 30.8% of the poll. Good votes of 249 (17.1%) in Southend, Victoria by Graham John; 299 votes (16.2%) in Reigate & Banstead, Merstham by Peter Phillips; 280 votes (17.4%) in Thanet, Westgate by Robert Parker; 160 votes (16.8%) in Dover, Tower Hamlets by Andy Lamm and a town average in Basildon of 17.5% – the highest vote obtained by Bill Baker who took a second with 487 votes for 21.9% of the poll – gave the South East a 17.1% average. Notwithstanding the fact that both Basildon and Broxbourne are both within the England East Euro constituency, this would still be enough to get an MEP elected for the South East. The pure South East average comes in at 12.5%, while England East comes in at 21.7% which would also see an MEP elected there too.

The improved council votes the party achieved around the country – a total of 104,037 – to give a nationwide average of 17.3%, with 13 elected Councillors and 45 second places meant that the party achieved some real mainstream results and in so doing bested the LibDems in 54 seats, Labour in 34 seats and minor parties like the Greens, UKIP, the Socialist Alliance and the NF almost wherever they were encountered. While the Greens and UKIP pipped the party in 7 seats, usually quite narrowly, the BNP saw off 7 UKIP, 35 Greens, 17 Socialists and 3 NF candidates. While the NF did surprisingly well where the BNP wasn't contesting the same seat, analysis of their vote in seats which the BNP also contested reveals that



BNP Councillors John Salvage and David Watkins flank one of next year's likely BNP winners Julie Lockie

the NF vote was, essentially a BNP proxy vote – there if the BNP were not running, but not otherwise. In Oldham, Craig Lawton in Lees took more than 12 times the Front's 62 votes and Norman Corbett took nearly 15 times the Front's 74 votes in Royton North. In Sunderland, David Richardson in Washington East took more than five times the Front's tally – and this was without a leaflet distribution, while in comparison, the NF got a leaflet out across the whole ward and worked quite hard. The BNP's very stretched campaign amounted to no more than a once-through with a loud speaker van!

The most tantalising comparison, however, is with the Tory party. Out of the BNP's 219 Council contests, the BNP bested the Tories in no less than 80. In addition, the Tories failed to field candidates in a further 25, mak-

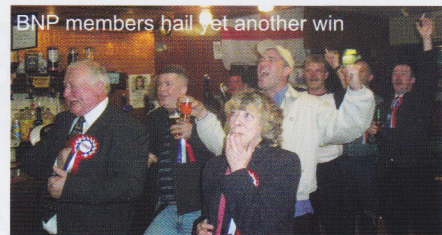


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ing the BNP more significant than the Tories in nearly half the seats fought. Continued Tory decline will be followed by continued BNP advance.

With the party contesting only 2% of the seats on offer, an extrapolation of the 104,037 votes gained shows that the party's voter base could now well be around the 5,000,000 mark. Of course, it has to be said that there has been a fair wind called asylum behind the party thus far and this could always change. However, if it doesn't, the party could take as many as 9 Euro seats – in London, the North West (2), Yorkshire, South East England, England East, East Midlands and the West Midlands (2).

These, of course, are maximum figures based upon extrapolation (always fraught with problems and so usually more like wishful thinking) and assuming no dip in the party's fortunes. More realistically, the party is more likely to win just a single seat in perhaps 3-4 regions, although just



one Euro MP would be a stunning advance.

One thing is sure. The results obtained this May have been the best that could be hoped for. They set the party up nicely for Council Elections next year when shared voting occasioned by whole councils falling vacant due to boundary changes give rise to the prospect of literally dozens of gains. That would be advance enough, but a month on in the Euro elections could bring bigger gains yet.

In addition, strong Euro 2004 showings in the South West and Eastern England could well do enough to stop UKIP winning any seats at all. If that happens, UKIP will almost certainly be finished, leaving the British National Party as the only serious patriotic party in the UK.

All in all, the party can be well pleased with these results and look forward with much confidence. And why not? For they are the best Council Election results ever obtained!

The other elections the party was involved in were a seat in each of the Welsh Assembly – where the party contested Wales SE and got free delivery of its election address across 8 constituencies and the Glasgow list in the Scottish Parliament where a similar delivery went out across the whole of Glasgow. In the event, the votes were not large – but the votes were nevertheless an increase on what had gone before. In Glasgow, Peter Appleby took 2,344 votes for 1.1% of the vote – a four times increase on the Euro '99 tally and which was enough to leave UKIP in the shade once more. Pauline Gregory's 3,210 votes came to 1.9% of the vote and again represented an increase on previous votes in S. Wales.

WHY THE LEFT AND RIGHT Must Unite and Fight

A View from the Left by NEIL CLARK

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These are truly desperate days. "What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty and democracy?" As the world's greatest democracy unleashes the full might of its military power on the people of Iraq, Mahatma Gandhi's words have a special relevance.

One thing is for sure. The war against Iraq will not be the war to end all wars. It will be followed by others, all fuelled by the insatiable appetite for profits and power. Three years ago, the same forces now executing Shock and Awe were dropping cluster bombs and depleted uranium on civilian targets in Yugoslavia. In 2001, it was the impoverished Afghans' turn to get the B-52 treatment, with over 5,000 dying in the process.

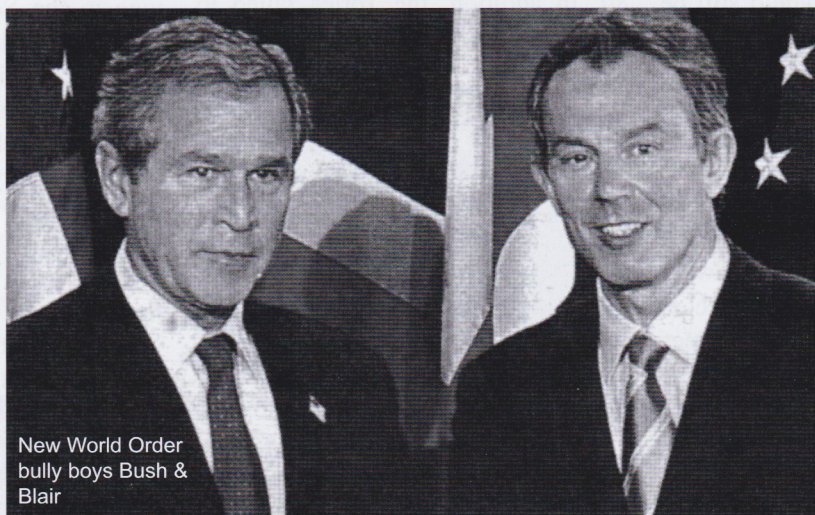
And two years from now we will no doubt be reading in the *Wall Street Journal* of the danger Syria poses to world peace (they are already doing it — Editor) and how President Assad is the New Hitler. After that it will be the turn of Iran, Belarus and Libya.

The neocons and their liberal imperialist allies appear unstoppable. They have hijacked the major parties on both sides of the Atlantic. Large sections of the free world's media are in their hands, and they have a whole entourage of journalists, eager and ready to peddle their lies, acting, in the words of John Pilger, as "handmaidens of a murderous power."

Yet despite all the propaganda, sound bites, and outright lies, the overwhelming majority on both sides of the Atlantic oppose the endless war policy of their mainstream political parties. The demonstrations against war in Iraq have been the biggest since Vietnam. In the U.S. and Europe, antiwar marches have attracted people from all walks of life, not just the usual peaceniks, trade unionists, and women's groups, but soldiers, farmers, and businessmen too. After some initial squeamishness, conservatives and socialists, right-wingers and Trotskyites, have been marching together, united in their desire for peace. But encouraging as

all of this is, it will not be enough. To stop the War Party much more is needed. The antiwar alliance has to be put on a more permanent and formal footing. And that means the Left making a bold and historic step. If we really do want to "give peace a chance," we need to take off our beads, remove Joan Baez from our turntables, and start to embrace warmly those at whom we have been hurling insults for the last forty years.

I write as a committed, and totally unreconstructed, Old Leftist. Yet if Pat Buchanan announced he was standing for president again, I would be on the next plane out to join his campaign team. But how many of my fellow socialists would join me? Until the Left is ready in its hordes to link up electorally with the Old antiwar Right, the brutal truth is that we have no chance of defeating the Bush/Blair axis. With the



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black smoke clouds rising above Baghdad, I believe it is now or never for the antiwar Left to answer the call.

In order to do so, and to make the "Peace Party" work, the Left needs to jettison some baggage and spruce up some of its thinking.

FALSE FRIENDS

Since the 1960s, we have picked up several false friends, who have done our cause no good at all, lost us immeasurable support, and who have prevented us from making the alliances it was in our interest to make.

The first of these is political correctness. I was a card-carrying member of the British Labour Party until Blair came along in 1994 and told us we had to stop worrying and love Big Business, Big Macs, and Big Bombs. I supported, and continue to support the notions of a national health service, free school meals, and state pensions. But I have never understood why a belief in the mixed economy, where transport, the utilities, and the coal mines are publicly owned and run for the benefit of the whole community also entails assenting to same-sex marriages, an open door

immigration policy, and free abortion on demand. The most destructive, anti-conservative force in our societies is not Old Left socialism, but unbridled free market capitalism, which destroys communities, the environment, and traditional ways of living.

Political correctness, the biggest threat to free speech of our time, has plenty to do with neo-liberalism, but precious little to do with socialism. It is time once and for all to end what Eugene Genovese has referred to as "the irrational embrace by the Left of a liberal program of personal liberation" and for the Left to stress, like Seeger did forty years ago, its positive conservatism.

On the key issue of globalization, there is much muddled thinking too. The anti-globalizers of the Left correctly point out the destabilizing effects of unregulated capital flows and rail against the nefarious activities of parasitical currency speculators like George Soros. Yet at the same time, most also welcome the unrestricted movement of people, which too can destabilize societies, as well as leading to the unemployment and lowering of wage rates of indigenous workers.

TYRANNY OF GLOBALISATION

Next up, the Left has to drop its traditional antipathy to organized religion and, in particular, to the Catholic Church. The Vatican has always been anti-Marxist-socialist, but it has, at least in some teachings, occasionally been anti-capitalist too. Pope Pius XI believed liberal capitalism and communism to be "united in their satanic optimism." Under the present Pope, the Catholic social teaching has again been pushed to the fore and the Vatican's criticism of hedonistic international capitalism has intensified. The significance of the Pope's speech in Riga in 1993, where he condemned "the international imperialism of money" and spoke of Marxism's "kernel of truth" was, I believe, missed by many on the Left.

Last, but certainly not least, the Left needs loudly and unequivocally to declare its support for the increasingly endangered concept of national sovereignty. We must defend national sovereignty not because we are nationalists but because we are democrats. The very essence of democracy is that decisions are taken as close as possible to those affected, and that those affected have a say in the decision-making process. But this cannot be the case when the decisions are imposed by supranational bodies such as the WTO, World Bank, NATO, and the EU. The War Party of course sees national sovereignty very differently. If there is one issue that clearly demonstrates this and that demarcates who exactly the Peace Party's enemies are, it is that of Kosovo. The "humanitarian" intervention, in which a sovereign state that threatened no other was bombed for 78 days and nights for the way in which it prosecuted its own "war against terrorism" brought all the imperialists out of the woodwork for us to see in broad daylight.

And what a sight it was. The Clintons, the Bushes, Albright and Rubin, Gore, Lieberman and Dole, Tony Blair and William Hague, Richard Cohen and William Cohen, Baroness Thatcher, and last but not least, the "contrarian" Christopher Hitchens, all clamouring to bomb Belgrade back to the Stone Age.

The very same people are as dismissive of Iraqi sovereignty today as they were of Yugoslavia's four years ago. For the War Party, national sovereignty is a tiresome, outdated, and disposable notion that gets in the way of their plan to globalize the entire world and, in the name of democracy and human rights, eliminate all known dangers to the freedom of operation of Gold-

man Sachs.

The steps outlined above are ones I believe the Left must take if an alliance with the Old Right is to stick. At the same time, the Old Right needs to shift a little ground too. Its antiwar, anti-interventionist foreign policy stance is unimpeachable. But even something as splendid as isolationism has to know its limits. Whether or not the U.S. executes its murderers, denies transvestites the right to marry, or wishes to protect its domestic steel industry is its own concern and nobody else's, but issues such as global warming, wildlife conservation, and a ban on the use of landmines can only be solved by international co-operation. Acknowledging this does not make one a Wilsonian liberal, nor does it undermine a principled defence of national sovereignty.

Even if an Old Right and Old Left alliance can be forged, many differences of opinion will of course remain. My views on public ownership, health care, and redistributive taxation would, I expect, be anathema to many conservative readers. My instinct on passing any branch of McDonalds or Starbucks to search for the nearest brick, however, is one I believe many conservatives would share.

SINGING FROM THE SAME HYMN SHEET

On the most important issues of the day though, the issues that really matter: globalization, war, the threats to national sovereignty, and the seemingly relentless march of transnational capitalism, the Old Right and Old Left are already, by and large, singing from the same hymn sheet. The world of 2003, with its standardised shopping malls, skinny lattes, and stealth bombers, is not the world any of us wanted.

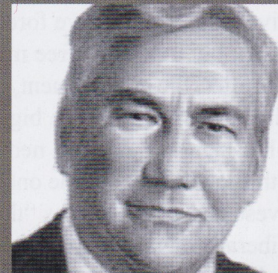
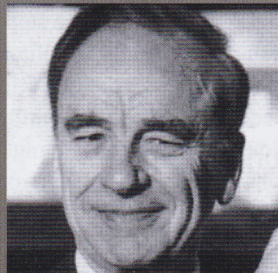
Many believe that a move from the Left will never come. But there are already positive signs. In France, Jean-Claude Michea in his book, *The Adam Smith Impasse*, has called for socialism to be uncoupled from liberalism and instead to draw its strength from "the altruism of ordinary people." And when *Pravda* reprints an antiwar article written by the editor of the *American Conservative*, something strange and wonderful is surely starting to happen.

By allying ourselves with the Old Right, the Old Left has nothing to lose and much to gain. Far from giving up our identity, we will, I believe, be reclaiming parts long lost to liberalism. We will be able to get back to basics and start to reiterate our core beliefs. Our opposition to the international rule of money power and the idolatry of market forces. Our unequivocal rejection of all forms of imperialism, whether they fly under a military, financial, or human rights banner. And above all, our denunciation of war as the primary method of solving international disputes.

For the moment, the imperialist bandwagon appears unstoppable. But if we on the Left can conjure up enough courage to step into the unknown and embrace an old enemy, then the days of the War Party will be numbered. What is lacking today is a permanent, populist, broad-based political force to challenge the worldview of the serial globalizers and the advocates of endless war. The Peace Party can be that force. The global crisis we face today makes the old Left-Right arguments over public ownership and tax rates irrelevant. Let's have those debates later, but first let's get rid of those who threaten us with Armageddon. If we fail to grasp this historic opportunity and allow political correctness and petty tribalism to hold us back, the prognosis is bleak.

One can only hope then that they are starting to build plenty of air raid shelters in Damascus.

Three of our Media Moguls, left to right Richard Desmond, Rupert Murdoch and Conrad Black.



"WOULD I LIE TO YOU?"

ARTHUR KEMP comments on the myth of accuracy in the media

The mass media, both print and television, is held up to be one of the 'bastions of democracy and free speech' — yet in reality it is used as a poisonous weapon which does not hesitate to distort, twist and pass off the most outrageous lies as truth for consumption by the public.

Does this sound harsh? Yes, but with good reason. The sad record of the mass media in the Western World is a trail of lies, deceit and deception, all suited to serving a political programme intensely hostile to Western Civilization.

The much-propagandised military campaign in Iraq serves as an excellent example. The media, faithfully parroting Tony Blair and George Bush, told the public time and time again that the reason for the war was to get rid of an evil dictator, Saddam Hussein, who not only has weapons of mass destruction, but who does not hesitate to use them. Well, evil though he may be, where are the weapons?

The media tells us repeatedly that the Iraqi regime used chemical weapons against the Kurds at the town of Halabja in March 1988. Blair himself has cited Iraq's 'gassing its own people,' specifically at Halabja, as a reason to topple Saddam Hussein. This allegation has been repeated ad nauseum in the printed media ⁽¹⁾ and on television. ⁽²⁾

IRANIANS, NOT IRAQIS, KILLED KURDS WITH CHEMICALS

The Halabja allegation is a blatant lie. The CIA's own senior political analyst during the Iran Iraq war, Stephen C. Pelletiere, who was responsible for drawing up a report for the US government on the incident, stated very firmly that the Iranians, and not the Iraqis, were responsible for the massacre of Kurds by chemicals at Halabja in 1988. Pelletiere's report was in fact published in the *New York Times* on 31 January 2003. ⁽³⁾

Thus, despite the truth about Halabja actually having been in the public domain for months, the rest of the mass media continues to this day to parrot the lie that the Iraqis killed Kurds with chemicals — an outright lie which they pass off without blushing.

Another classic example of media deception can be seen in the coverage of the events of 11 September 2001. The public has been informed how the attacks took place, where they took place, who did them and so on — but never once has the mass media ever tried to answer the question of 'why' the attacks took place.

The answer, namely that American foreign policy bias towards Israel against the Arab world, is simply deemed too sensitive for the public to hear, and so has simply not been aired.

WERE THESE REASONS FOR WAR? YES, SAYS THE MASS MEDIA

To take a further example of media distortion in the latest Iraqi conflict: The mass media told the public that Iraq was in contravention of a UN resolution calling for its immediate disarmament, and this is why Britain and America have attacked.

If however, ignoring UN Resolutions was a valid reason to go to war, as Bush and Blair and their allies in the media have argued, then what about Israel, which has been in defiance of hundreds of UN resolutions for over 30 years?

Furthermore, if the possession of 'weapons of mass destruction' was also a valid reason to go to war, as the mass media would have the public believe, then why pick on Iraq? What about Pakistan and India, both of whom have nuclear weapons? What about Israel, which according to Mordechai Vanunu, an Israeli scientist who blew the whistle on his country's nuclear weapons project, has more than 200 nuclear warheads, many aimed at European capitals?

All of these facts are conveniently ignored by the mass media, in spite of the information being freely available — should they decide to seek it out. **It is impossible to think that the mass media are not aware of all these facts**, and their obvious intention is an attempt to capitalise upon a hope that large number of people will not take the time to read too deeply, and merely accept as 'truth' the headlines' as thrown at them on TV.

MASS MEDIA HAS LEGAL RIGHT TO LIE — US COURTS

In the USA, the courts have officially recognised the right of the mass media to lie! On 14 February 2003, a Florida Appeals Court ruled that there is nothing illegal about lying, concealing or distorting information by a major press organization! ⁽⁴⁾

The court decision, in favour of the Fox Television network (Sky TV's affiliate in the USA) management against journalist Jane Akre who charged she was pressured by Fox television to air what she knew and documented to be false information.

The ruling declared it is technically not against any law, rule, or regulation to deliberately lie or distort the news on a television broadcast, ⁽⁵⁾ with the court finding that "a false, distorted, or slanted" story about the widespread use of growth hormone in dairy cows was no offence on the grounds there is no hard, fast, and written rule against deliberate distortion of the news. ⁽⁶⁾

Against this background, it should therefore come as no surprise to learn that the mass media has a special program designed to portray nationalist politics in the worst possible light.

NUJ'S "CODE OF CONDUCT" DOES NOT APPLY TO NATIONALISTS

The National Union of Journalists (NUJ) in the UK claims to have a "*Code of Conduct*" for its members, which loftily claims that a journalist shall "strive to eliminate distortion, news suppression, and censorship." (7) Furthermore, the NUJ code says, a journalist shall "avoid the expression of comment and conjecture as established fact and falsification by distortion, selection, or misrepresentation" (8)

These are lofty ideals indeed, and if the NUJ actually stuck to them, the media coverage of nationalist politics would be quite different. But of course, not all is at it seems, and the NUJ has a special exception in the case of nationalists!

In an addendum to their "*Code of Conduct*", which is not so widely known amongst the public, the NUJ has adopted a "*Statement on Race Reporting*". (9)

This addendum states quite openly that its "*Code of Conduct*" guidelines **do not apply when reporting on nationalist politics**. The NUJ's "*Statement on Race Reporting*" states that "*press freedom must be conditioned by responsibility and an acknowledgement by all media workers of the need not to allow press freedom to be abused to slander a section of the community or to promote the evil of racism.*" (10)

So readers need to be aware: whenever they read or see a mass media report on nationalist politics, what they are seeing has been "conditioned" — an obvious codeword for censored.

NUJ "CONDITIONS" NEWS REPORTING ON NATIONALIST POLITICS

The openness of this admission may shock those who are unaware of the mass media's deliberate policy of putting nationalists in the very worst possible light.

If this open admission of the NUJ's stated aim of censoring news about nationalist politics is not enough, they then go further and take it upon themselves to define who is a 'fascist' and who represents a 'danger to democracy.'

The NUJ Statement on Race Reporting says: "*The NUJ believes that the development of racist attitudes and the growth of fascist parties pose a threat to democracy, the rights of trade union organisations, a free press and the development of social harmony and well being.*" (11)

THE NUJ AND NAZI BOOK BURNERS — ONE AND THE SAME

The question immediately bears asking: who are the fascists? Those who seek to preserve Britain, or those who seek to censor the news?

One of the most commonly used propaganda images of Nazi

Germany by the mass media is one of Stormtroopers burning books. While an argument could be made over how extensive that was, there is no argument over the fact that the Nazis and Fascists did indeed censor their media.

We now have the invidious situation of where the NUJ admits that it "conditions" (i.e. censors) its news, while at the same time deciding that parties like the BNP, who have never advocated censorship of any kind, are the real fascists!

This is hypocrisy taken to new heights!

Readers can decide for themselves who are the real "threats to democracy"—journalists who openly state that they will "condition" news, or parties who seek to preserve Britain and are in favour of freedom of speech.

THE "BLACK MEMBERS' COUNCIL" — THE NUJ'S OWN RACISM?

As part of its undertaking to "condition" the news, the NUJ has declared itself to be opposed to any form of racism. Yet the NUJ itself is quite open about its blacks only body, the NUJ "Black Members' Council" which has been in existence for over 12 years! (12)

It seems as if NUJ hypocrisy knows no bounds or shame. If white members of the NUJ had to set up a 'White Members' Council' we can be sure that they would be expelled and dismissed as 'fascists', yet it seems as if the liars and real fascists at the NUJ are quite happy to accept a "Black Members' Council" without taking issue.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH URGENTLY NEEDED TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY

What are the facts of the current state of the mass media?"

- Firstly, the media chooses to deliberately and consciously lie about important facts, despite them being in the public domain. If these facts (such as the truth about the Halabja Kurd gassing incident) were widely known, they would most certainly affect public policy on important issues.

- Secondly, the right of the mass media to lie has been legally recognised in the USA;

- Thirdly, the NUJ in the UK openly admits to 'conditioning' its coverage of parties which it has arbitrarily determined are 'fascist'—this despite the NUJ itself having a blacks only body in its midst and claiming to be opposed to censorship.

It is therefore clear that as part of an overhaul of the old party system, measures need to be put into place to ensure that a future Britain will have a bill of rights, which will guarantee freedom of speech, and allow for action against those who wish to deny it to others.

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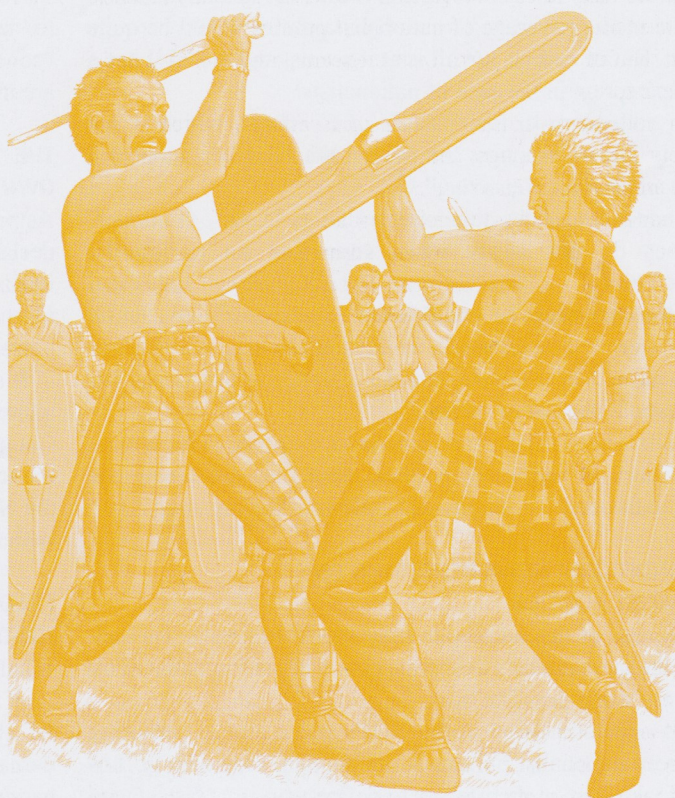
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Through schools, universities and the media, the multiculturalists have been pushing the myth that the British people were already a mix of different races before mass Afro-Asian immigration started in the 1950s. The reality is that the 'immigrants' of the previous 4 millennia were but different tribes of a common North European race. They shared many characteristics with our original stone age and Neolithic peoples (such as the Beaker folk), whose genes are still found throughout the British Isles today. The two main streams of the early 'immigrants' were first the Celts, and second the Anglo-Saxons. It is the variation in the blend of these peoples, and their cultures, in different parts of the British Isles that has led to the sub-cultures of Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England. These, the BNP defends, for it gives us a unity in our diversity. This month we start a series on the history of the Celts, written by Nick Griffin*, to be followed by the history of the Anglo-Saxons, to be written by John Bean. *NOTE: This is an abridged version of two lengthy articles by Nick Griffin published in National Vanguard Magazine, No.115,116, 1995. The full length articles can be viewed on: <http://www.natvan.com/nationalvanguard/115/celts1.htm/>

THE CELTS

PART 1: THEIR ORIGINS

By NICK GRIFFIN, MA (Hons) Cantab



Beyond a vague notion that the Irish, Scots, and Welsh share a romantic common heritage in some way different from the English whose language they mainly use, the Celts lie forgotten and irrelevant in the mists of time. Such ignorance is one of the symptoms of a race on the verge of collective suicide, for those with no knowledge of, or pride in, their forefathers are no more likely to have any concern for future generations of their kinfolk either.

Yet the Celts are regarded by historians as "the fathers of Europe." Genetically as well as culturally they played a major part in laying the foundations for the great achievements of the European people. Just as important, many of the mistakes they made which condemned them to defeat and collapse contain lessons today for those striving to save our identity from the threat of multiculturalism. Let us then, find out more about the Celts. Who were they? Where did they come from? What sort of lives did they lead? How did they rise to dominate much of Europe? And why did they fall from such a pinnacle into the scattered obscurity of today's "Celtic fringe"?

The Celts first burst into recorded history in the writings of the ancient Greeks and Romans in about 500 B.C. The great city-state civilization of Greece had been established centuries before by fair-skinned Nordic invaders from the north who had subdued and enslaved the Mediterranean aborigines. The Greeks still maintained advanced standards of life and learning. They founded trading settlements in France, Italy, and Asia Minor, and even sailed out into the Atlantic, turning north to the British Isles and beyond.

The Greeks discovered that the area of central and northwestern Europe was dominated by a huge number of tribes who, although independent and often even at war with each other, possessed a common culture and common origins. They wrote the name by which these people referred to themselves as Keltoi and counted them, along with the closely related Scythians from the steppes of southern Russia, and the Persians and Libyans, as one of the

four great barbarian peoples of the world. Among various reporters, the fifth century B.C. historian Herodotus recorded that the Celtic lands stretched from the headwaters of the Danube to all but the west coast of Iberia.

The Celts, then, were already a mighty and widespread people when they appear in recorded history. To trace their origins we must go back far into prehistory, where sometimes conflicting theories seek to make sense of the scattered evidence of archaeology.

THE BATTLE-AXE PEOPLE

Nora Chadwick, late professor of Anglo-Saxon at Cambridge and internationally renowned authority on the origins and customs of the Celtic peoples, in her book *The Celts* (1970) traces Celtic prehistory to the end of the third millennium B.C.

The crucial evidence is the spread throughout east-central Europe - modern Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Austria of a distinctive type of socketed axe head, often found in graves under distinctive circular barrows. Clearly weapons of war, these were first made of polished stone, but their makers were also quick to adopt the new science of bronze working which appeared in Slovakia and the Carpathians in the first half of the second millennium B.C. It has long been held that these "Battle-Axe People" were responsible for the initial spread of the Indo-European race and language. This conclusion is based not merely on archaeological evidence, but also on the study of the similarities among the languages which later developed from the Indo-European, or Aryan, tongue. Although all the languages involved have changed a great deal over thousands of years, linguistic changes follow certain philological rules. For example, the original Indo-European vowel *e* often remained an *e* in Latin, but mutated to *i* in the Celtic tongues and became *a* in the Sanskrit of ancient Aryan India. Thus the Latin word for king, *rex*, is paralleled by Celtic *rix* and Sanskrit *raj*.

Consonants also changed according to predictable patterns. The Indo-European *p* sound at the beginning of words, for example, was retained in Sanskrit and Latin, and in the modern descendants of the latter, such as French. Meanwhile it mutated in German and English to *v* or *f*, and disappeared altogether in old Irish. Aware of these facts, we can at once see the common origins of Sanskrit *pitar*, Latin *pater*, Irish Celtic *athir*, German *vater*, and English *father*. (Many other studies on the connections between the ancient 'Aryan' languages are referred to in the original paper)

Such studies show that Celtic was closely related to the Italic language which gave rise to Latin, and also clearly connected with the Germanic, Slavonic, and Hellenic tongues, as well as with those of many of the early civilizations of the Middle East, including Persian, the recently rediscovered language of the Hittites, and the Sanskrit of northern India, which is preserved in texts dating back to 2,000 B.C. The waves of Indo-European warriors and civilization builders which spread the common parent of this great family of languages even reached as far as China.

THE BEAKER FOLK

Thousands of miles to the west, the Battle-Axe carriers seem to have collided with another distinctive people. Known today as the Beaker Folk, after the pottery drinking vessels found in so many of their graves, they inhabited a wide area from Bohemia to Britain and south into parts of Iberia, from which they may have spread northwards in the first place. They too were mainly pastoralists, although they favored sheep rather than the cattle associated with the immigrants from the east. Their chief weapon was the bow, firing arrows tipped with flint. This should not give the false impression that they were primitive savages, for they used bronze and possessed an advanced knowledge of astronomy. They also had developed a sufficiently sophisticated social organization to enable them to build the great megalithic observatories, such as the lines of giant stones at Carnac in Brittany and the huge stone circles at Stonehenge, Avebury, and nearby Silbury Hill, the last being the largest

prehistoric structure in Europe.

The two groups merged, although the Battle-Axe element seems to have been dominant. From this time, around 2,000 B.C., the materially simple self-sufficiency of late Neolithic times is transformed into a society dominated by a warrior aristocracy equipped with bronze weapons and displaying their power and wealth with well made and decorated personal possessions which already have a uniquely "European" style, different from those of the emerging civilizations of the eastern Mediterranean and Middle East.

This well developed Bronze Age culture is named after Unetice, a village south of Prague where particularly good examples of its artifacts, dating from around 1,800 B.C., have come to light. The area was a trading crossroads, and wealth and metalworking skill accumulated rapidly.

Within 300 years a fresh wave of Battle-Axe migrants from the east appears to have arrived without conflict, bringing with them the custom of raising round burial mounds like the kurgans with which they had covered their dead on the steppes. Under their influence the rich grave of a chieftain was marked by the tumulus from which this transformation of the older Unetice Culture takes its name. This Tumulus Culture spread beyond the bounds of its predecessor, stretching as far as Hungary in the east, but shifting its center of gravity westward into Bavaria.

In spite of this change, the close similarities between the artifacts discovered from these periods shows that there was a great deal of continuity. There is clear evidence for the development of local "schools" of metal working, and the steady continuation of trade also points to peaceful development. Toward the end of the second millennium B.C., however, technological innovation — this time the development of heavy, bronze slashing swords and armour and shields of the same metal — again seems to have sparked off a period of more violent expansion. Around 1,200 B.C. the tumulus inhumations give way to a new funerary rite in which the dead were cremated and their remains deposited in pottery urns buried in cemeteries without tumuli. The grave goods buried with them, however, remain fundamentally the same.

THE GOLDEN ONES

Around this time there was widespread disruption of the eastern Mediterranean by "pirates from the north." Around 1,200 B.C. the Mycenaean and Hittite civilizations, both already in decay as their rulers mixed with the non-Aryan natives, were devastated by the blonde invaders with their newfound superiority in warfare. The folk from the north who swept into Greece at this time were known as the Xanthoi — the Golden Ones — a name which reflected their ideals of nobility and greatness as well as their appearance. This wave of fresh Nordic blood laid the foundations of classical Hellenic civilization, particularly its Dorian branch, which was later to reach a peak in the city-state of Sparta. It was also at this time that the Egyptians recorded incursions of bands of tall, fair-haired warriors from across the sea.

All these upheavals probably resulted from technological advances among the peoples living on the upper reaches of the Danube and the Rhine, which shifted the interests of the aristocracy away from trade and toward warfare, plundering, and conquest on an epic scale. This would also account for the rapid development of hill-forts and larger houses which call to mind the great halls of local kings and their war bands which are featured so often in the poetry and sagas of later "Dark Age" Europe.

Their art by this time shows direct links in style with that of the later Celts, and the evidence of place-names shows that they spoke an early form of Celtic. These proto-Celts dominated the east and central European homeland of their forefathers, but also spread across the Rhine to the west and the Alps to the south. It is not possible to point to an exact date from which the term "Celt" may be used accurately, although the next development noted by archaeologists is universally accepted as involving a fully Celtic people and culture.

To be continued in the June issue:

A NATIONALIST *Notebook*

JOHN BEAN looks at issues in the News
and Behind the News



ASYLUM SEEKERS CASH FOR CARS — IT'S TRUE

Rumours that 'asylum' seekers have been receiving payment to buy cars have circulated for some time, particularly in Birmingham and Coventry. Council and social security officials have denied this, suggesting that it was a lie put out by the "wicked BNP". Now the truth is out, according to a report in the *Sunday Telegraph* of 9th March.

Susanna McCorry, the councillor responsible for Birmingham Social Services, had originally denied that her department had given asylum seekers a cheque for £12,000 to buy a car. Under pressure she admitted that the cheque was given but it came from the *social security* department. People of Birmingham say what's the difference when council spending is spiralling out of control.

West Midlands BNP can confirm that the above £12,000 cheque is not an isolated case. Many others have been awarded on the grounds that not being English-speaking, refugees find it difficult to use public transport. Is it racist to say: they should try walking?

Let it also be noted that while Birmingham Councillors sanction this granting of largess to people who have never paid a penny into our social security system, the city's independent care homes for our old folk are being under funded by £100 a week, way below the cost of care. Homes run by Mrs McCorry's department cost ratepayers £525 a week per resident, more than twice what is given to the privately-run

homes. As is happening elsewhere, the result is that residential homes for our old people, who have served the nation over a lifetime, will eventually dry-up.

DUSKY REPORTING ON IRAQ

There is comment elsewhere in this issue, including the Editorial, on the outcome of the onslaught upon Iraq (perhaps by the time we are published the Americans will have "found" some "weapons of mass destruction"). Incidentally, although the BNP opposed the war, but supported our troops once it began, we didn't even receive 1 per cent of the revenue of a barrel of oil, let alone George Galloway's alleged 10!

It was informative to watch the BBC's television coverage of the war. As to be expected, for the first two weeks all was doom and gloom giving the impression that they were really hoping that the British and American forces would be defeated — in contrast to our view that once it was unfortunately started it had to be quickly finished. But oh what a field day the BBC had for its multiracial image! For two weeks their lunch-time news had the black man Darren Jordan as anchor man in London. Then it was over to the likeable and articulate Somali, Rageh Omaar, in Baghdad. Then down to Basra where the very black man, Clive Mirey, told us how the British soldiers were getting on. The night shots really emphasised his excellent teeth. We also had reports from Fergal Keane, who is, of course, white.

We have no argument with the

capability of any of these gentlemen as reporters. But is this what the BBC call 'balance'?

NONSENSE IN NORFOLK

Crime in Norfolk may not be on the same scale as in our inner city areas. But crime and the fear of crime abounds in the remote rural areas as a result of increasing burglaries, many accompanied by extreme violence, as farmer Tony Martin will testify. He is still in jail for shooting his would-be burglars. Norwich itself is not yet plagued with racial tension, as it is still the 'whitest' city in England and probably the second 'whitest' in Britain after Aberdeen, in spite of the Government offloading a fair measure of asylum seekers in recent months. Nevertheless, the Chief Constable of Norfolk has decided that multiracial hugger mugger is the key issue and that tackling conventional crime is a poor second.

The *Norwich Evening News* reported last month that Norfolk police headquarters was given over to a great gathering of music around the globe to launch Chief Constable Andy Hayman's "Community Cohesion" initiative "to break down old stereotypes surrounding the force". There was a Zimbabwean band, a Caribbean steel band, Japanese calligraphy experts, plus Norfolk community groups such as the Norfolk and Norwich Racial Equality Council, the Norwich Interface Network and the Forum for Lesbian and Gay Groups. Chief Inspector Charlie Hall added his piece to the Andy and Charlie show when he said:

"The event is the launch of community cohesion which is about bringing communities closer together and a celebration of the diversity of cultures and people that we have within Norfolk. The strategy aims to attract under-represented groups such as ethnic minorities, lesbian, gay and bisexuals, to join the police force".

Such politically incorrect crap from senior police will, of course, ensure their pensions. What the ordinary copper on the beat might think, in a county where less than one per cent is non-European, is a different matter.

EURO DRIVES UP PRICES

Tony Blair still wishes to crown his political career by taking Britain into the Euro zone. Perhaps he fancies himself as Charlemagne. Apart from the all important loss of sovereignty over our own affairs, it will be guaranteed to push up prices, as any Euro zone resident will tell you. Just look at Germany in particular.

Sickened by high prices, for which they blame the Euro, Germans head for the Polish and Czech borders every weekend by car, rail and coach to buy essentials as well as luxuries that cost half the price at home. At Frankfurt-on-Oder cars queue for hours to cross the bridge into Poland. The bargain-hunting Germans are escaping from what they call teuro tyranny. Teuro is the popular German word for the Euro, derived from the word 'teuer' meaning expensive. Coaches even run 500 miles overnight from Saarbrücken on Germany's border with France to deliver tired but determined consumers to Poland.

Tented cities along the Czech border are manned mostly by North Vietnamese families who were accepted by the former communist country during the Vietnam War and stayed there. They sell liquor, beer, cigarettes and household goods for a fraction of what they cost in Germany.

Then there is also the affect on German unemployment, now at 4.7 million. According to a recent report

by Allan Hall in the London *Evening Standard*, the Euro has caused a flight of business across the border to former Soviet satellite states which mirrors the consumer exodus. "From bank charges to building costs and electricity, investment in the Czech Republic is at least a third less expensive," said Leopold Scholler, owner of Scholler Textiles, who went east to save his company two years ago. We would be in liquidation now if I hadn't done so," he added. "It is hopeless in Germany. It is just not business-friendly."

You have been warned.

MORE ON THAT CENSUS SCAM

Further to the exposure in *ID's* April issue editorial of the fraudulent nature of the 2001 Census in grossly underestimating the percentage of non-Europeans in Britain, Andrew Alexander, writing in the *Daily Mail* recently, makes this significant comment:

"Twenty-five councils have complained that this (census) figure cannot possibly be true. They know from their own sources that the ethnic proportion must be higher."

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS NOW STARTS IN THE WOMB

Parents-to-be have the choice today of knowing, or not knowing, the sex of their baby before it is born — but not in Bradford. In that once 'fair' city, parents are **not** told the sex of their baby, even though scans are carried out to ensure the health of mother and baby as usual, because it is feared that the Moslem population would use such information to abort female foetuses: males, of course, being of higher status and 'value' in their culture.

Information is denied to **all** pregnant women, not just Moslems, on the grounds that the NHS Trust cannot be seen to be discriminatory in dealing with clients. Yet the adjacent NHS Trust to the north, Airedale, provides such information as usual.

Not only is this an example of limitations on information, freedom and choice, it is an example of the

practices of a minority population being imposed upon everyone and yet another example of the impossibility of a multi-cultural society.

TOO CROWDED IN KENT? — LIVE IN FRANCE!

With Kent, the former 'Garden of England' being rapidly concreted over to accommodate London's 'white flight' and more than its fair share of asylum seekers, the Tory County Council Leader, Sir Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, wants to persuade 10,000 locals to move to France! Those who are campaigning by stealth for us to become part of a Federal Europe will, of course, welcome the idea.

The Tories proposals are a response to John Prescott's edict that Kent must build another 116,000 homes. With a million people coming into the country, legally and illegally, every eight years, then until recently you had to accept either the Labour or Tory answer to the problem. The BNP says stop mass immigration, whether they be white, black, brown or zebra-striped, and preserve our diminishing countryside. Britain is full up!

BRITISH TRADITIONS UNDER ATTACK

Following the well-publicised story of the banning of that inflammatory text *The Three Little Pigs* at a Batley school in case it offended the Moslem pupils, we now have the ousting of the hot cross bun.

Four Labour and Liberal Democrat councils, including Tower Hamlets, banned hot cross buns from school menus at Easter "to avoid upsetting non-Christians". They believe Muslim, Hindu and Jewish students might take offence at the sight of the Christian cross. Why not include vampires? They have a positive dislike of the cross.

Joking aside, this is a serious issue in that it is another example of the continual assault on our British religious and cultural values. Those who wish to destroy our national identity do so under the all embracing cloak of political correctness.

Workers' testing the port holes during maintenance checks



FROM A WORKERS' TOWN TO AN 'ASYLUM' TOWN

By THOMAS BELL

The once great industrial town of Clydebank is soon to become home to hundreds of 'asylum seekers' over the next few months. The shipyards are now in the process of being demolished and are to be replaced with luxury flats for white flight yuppies from Glasgow. What's happening in Clydebank has happened in lots of former great towns and cities throughout the UK, with the heart and soul of communities ripped out and all they get in return are 'asylum seekers'. I know what I would prefer.

THE EARLY YEAR'S OF SHIPBUILDING ON THE CLYDE

The famous John Brown Shipbuilding had its origins in the marine engineering business set up by the brothers James and George Thomson in Glasgow. They opened a shipyard a few years later, and launched the paddle steamer Jackal in 1852. The company concentrated on building high quality passenger vessels, and moved to Clydebank in 1872.

In 1899, what had become the Clydebank Shipbuilding and Engineering Company was taken over by a Sheffield steel-maker, John Brown and Company. Ships built by the company would include the Lusitania, HMS Hood, the Queen Mary and the QE2, its last major contract.

The QEII, arguably the most famous ship to be built in Clydebank



JOHN BROWN'S

Not many people may realise this, but John Brown's was not originally a shipbuilding company, nor is it even Scottish! In the 1800's John Brown Engineering Company was part of a group of English companies, based in Sheffield, producing armaments, coal, iron, and steel armour plate to list but a few.

A spate of company mergers left Brown's in the position that it could be potentially forced out of the lucrative Admiralty market unless it could find another way for it's products to be sold and used by the Government.

So, they went on the hunt for a shipbuilding company that had plenty of Admiralty work and was amenable to a takeover. One was found, in the shape of the Clydebank Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. The newly acquired yard became the shipbuilding division of the John Brown group.

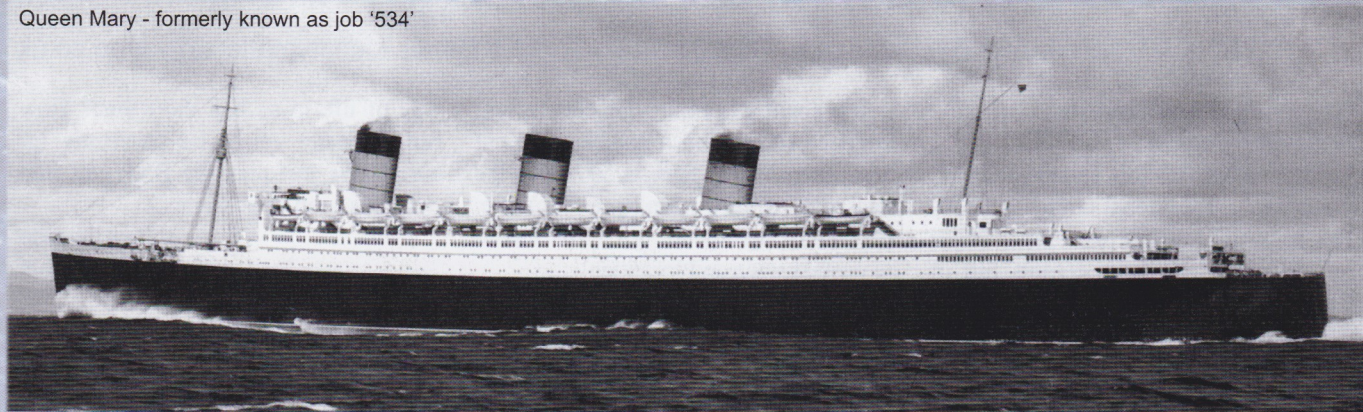
FAMOUS SHIPS THAT WERE BUILT AT CLYDEBANK

THE QUEEN MARY'S HISTORY

Cunard Line begins planning for a pair of new super liners to replace the Mauretania, Aquitania and Berengaria on their North Atlantic route.

- ✦ May 28, 1930 Cunard Line announces that John Brown & Company, Ltd, of Clydebank, Scotland, has been

Queen Mary - formerly known as job '534'



selected as builder of the new liner.

- ✱ December 1, 1930 First Keel plate is laid for job 534 at John Brown shipyard.
- ✱ December 11, 1931 Work is halted on Job 543 due to the Depression and an inability to secure further bank loans. The hull plating is 80% completed, and the ship stands nine stories high.
- ✱ July 26, 1933 The King George V Graving Dock is officially opened with King George V and Queen Mary steaming into the dry dock aboard the Royal Yacht, Victoria and Albert. The dock is the largest in the world at the time. It is 1,200 feet long, 135 feet wide at its entrance, 59 feet deep, holds 58 million gallons of water, and can hold any ship up to 100,000 tons.
- ✱ January 1, 1934 The effective date for transferring the assets of the Cunard Steamship Company and the White Star Line, to the newly formed Cunard White Star, LTD. Cunard was credited with 62 percent of the share capital, and White Star with 38 percent
- ✱ April 3, 1934 After 28 months, construction is resumed on Job 534
- ✱ May 11, 1934 Merger takes place with White Star Line.
- ✱ September 26, 1934 Job 534 is launched, and named QUEEN MARY by Her Majesty Queen Mary, accompanied by His Majesty King George V. The ship is moved to the nearby fitting out basin.
- ✱ November 6, 1935 Installation of engines and almost all of the heavy machinery is completed. Funnels and both masts are in position.
- ✱ March 24, 1936 Queen Mary departs John Brown Shipyard, steaming down the Clyde River to Gourock, Scotland. The ship goes aground twice despite prior dredging of the river and her shallow draft. Anchor trials and adjustment of the magnetic compasses are made off Gourock. Twenty of the Queen Mary's Lifeboats were left off the ship to save weight. Since they were manufactured in Gourock, the lifeboats were lifted into their davits upon the Queen Mary's arrival.
- ✱ March 24 - 26, 1936 Preliminary speed trials are made on the way to Southampton
- ✱ April 15 - 19, 1936 Official speed trials are held in the Irish Sea off the Isle of Arran. British Olympic runner Lord Burghley, runs one lap (400 yards) in evening dress around the Promenade Deck in under 60 seconds.

- ✱ May 12, 1936, Noon Ship is officially handed over from John Brown Shipyard to Cunard White Star Line.
- ✱ May 25, 1936 King Edward VIII, Her Majesty Queen Mary, Princess Elizabeth (now the Queen), the Duke and Duchess of York (soon to be King George VI and Queen Elizabeth), the Duke and Duchess of Kent and the Duchess of Gloucester visit the ship.

THE FUTURE OF CLYDEBANK?

£250M PLAN TO TRANSFORM SHIPYARD

The proposals include riverside facilities:

Plans for a £250m redevelopment of a former Clyde shipyard have been lodged.

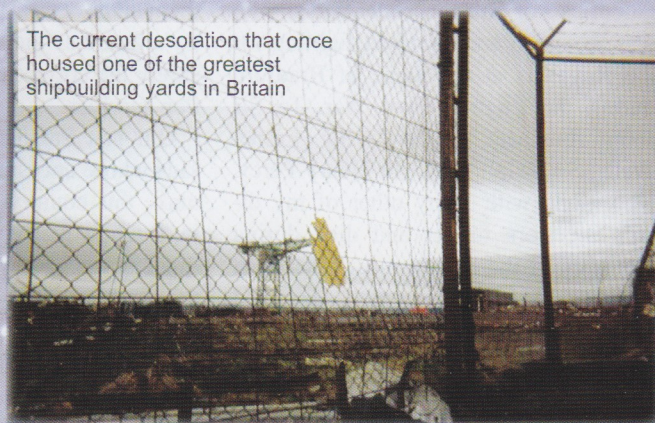
The proposals are aimed at transforming the former John Brown's site and breathing new life into the town of Clydebank itself.

Clydeside Regeneration purchased the former John Brown's shipyard last year. The yard, where ocean liners such as the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth I and II were built, had a reputation as one of the world's greatest shipyards.

The site's history is reflected in the name of the development, which has been called Queens' Quay. It has been decided to leave one crane in place to be used a tourist attraction, this is just a final insult to the people of Clydebank as it will just serve as a reminder of what a great town it once was.

Would it had not been better to invest the £250 million on improving the shipbuilding facilities at Clydebank? Or investing it in the local community to create jobs?

I think so.



The current desolation that once housed one of the greatest shipbuilding yards in Britain

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Betraying our ancestors' fight for freedom

I am outraged that this country is being given away. Traditional churches I now see sporting Muslim or Arabic logos on railings. I see town centres full of foreign peoples where only three years ago hardly any existed. Titles of Lords etc that span hundreds of years of our tradition are handed to foreign people who have been in this country for less than a generation. Most people I talk to are also angry and shocked at the constant flood of foreign nationals pouring into our country and dictating our rights over those that were established many years ago. Our very freedom of speech has been restricted: what is happening is obscene.

My family can actually trace our ancestors that have fought to defend our country and its culture in every major battle or conflict for well over thirteen hundred years. Ancestors who played a part in nearly every sector of this country's development, and yet we have no say over its destruction. This can't be morally right.

From my grandfather who serving in India at the outbreak of war in 1939 was then sent to Africa to fight with the Eighth Army Royal Artillery and was wounded in the El Alamein and Tobruk campaigns, and then through Italy.

To my other great-grandfather's brother William Garside who lies buried in Ypres, being killed there in December 1915. Their father John, trapped in the mine and drowned in a colliery flooding at the East Hetton Colliery, Kelloe, 6th May 1897. His G/grandson killed in the Easington Colliery explosion of 1951.

Back to my direct ancestor Sir John Goodricke of Ribston Hall, Yorks, who was wounded and captured fighting for the Royalists at the Siege of Bradford during the English Civil War. To Sir John (butcher) Clifford, Sir Lionel Wells, Sir Ralph Eure, Sir Henry Percy, who along with many other of my direct ancestors fought and died during the Wars of the Roses, most notably at Towton 1461. Many others executed for fighting to defend their culture and beliefs. We can even trace ancestors who fought at Agincourt in 1415 and at Hastings with King Harold.

This country is a Christian country and has been since King Aethelbert of Kent first accepted this faith in 597. It is the basis of our very learning and culture. We cannot and should not allow this to be pushed aside and forgotten.

We are mainly a Durham Mining family who like many others fought a year on strike in 1984 to save a job that entailed working six miles out under the North Sea, crawling on hands and knees in three foot high seams often soaking wet. My younger brother was also a miner, our older brother a soldier who served in Northern Ireland.

Today we receive very little support or help, and have had to battle for years to gain what little support we do actually receive, yet we see thousands of asylum seekers receiving vast amounts of support and assistance.

We have many families in our area suffering badly from the effects of a lifetime in heavy industry such as the coal mines, etc. A lot of these are now left physically crippled, many living alone and uncared for in old age. Why can't we give them a fraction of the support and care they deserve? We ourselves have been treated like lepers. Trying to gain self-respect is impossible: the Government makes us feel it is wrong to seek help. Our son Stephen's special needs (he is a dyslexic) are still being ignored; but they cannot do enough for the thousands of asylum seekers.

Our history cannot be changed, but our future can. We must make people recall our national history, along with the pride it deserves. Respect our traditions and preserve them, educate our young people with honesty and openness and not with political correctness, then let them all have a say in deciding our country's future as they come of age. This is surely the correct way to ensure our nation survives.

Our son Stephen is like many other kids whose ancestors built and fought to make this country a better place to live in. But now recent political actions mean that our son was to have been thrown on the scrapheap and forgotten about. Well we are not prepared to let this happen, and thank god that the BNP will give him and many like him a true voice.

How can a government destroy our

way of life in such a short time? How can so many voices be constantly ignored? We just pray the BNP gets into power as soon as possible.

Paul Garside
Co. Durham

Did somebody say soft touch?

How ironic! On the very day that the London Finsbury Park mosque — a notorious centre of extremism and base of the West-hating mullah, Abu Hamza — was raided by anti-terrorist police, the Home Office announced plans to snap up 3 star country hotels in which to house so-called asylum seekers with all mod cons — TVs in every room, free health and legal facilities etc. The purpose of this extravagance? So that these illegal immigrants can be 'given documentation and told about their rights'!

It is obvious that, like it or not, there will be a war with Iraq and the UK will be targeted by Islamic extremists. Yet still we keep our borders open and allow fake asylum seekers to flood our country. 8,200 in October 2002 alone; 180,000 for the last full year (and that doesn't include the many thousands of illegals who evade all controls).

A minority of these incomers will be active terrorists or committed supporters. A much larger proportion will be passive supporters (as proved by polls of Muslim opinion in the UK during the Afghan War).

The only purpose of these country hotels should be as holding centres prior to the rapid deportation of the 90% plus of asylum seekers whose claims are quickly found to be false.

But will David Blunkett take such sensible action? Don't bet on it!

Yours sincerely,
John Maddox
London

Quarantine the carriers

A matter which is of great concern to me is the fact that we seem to be importing disease into the country. We are told that there has been a great increase in TB and also in Hepatitis B but these are not the only diseases that should give cause for concern, there is also the spectre of HIV/AIDS. Many countries have regulations which ensure that all who

seek resettlement in them are required to produce evidence that they are free of these diseases. This is only common sense and shows legitimate concern for their own citizens. However, when questioned, persons in high positions in this country have said that there are no plans to impose such restrictions on people seeking resettlement here and it has even been said that HIV/AIDS should not be a barrier to entry.

My attention has been drawn recently to a book entitled "*Almost Like a Whale*" written by Steve Jones, a Professor of Genetics at University College, London. He has also worked at universities in the USA, Australia and Africa. He has taken the title from the writings of the great Charles Darwin. The book is published by Doubleday and is available in many libraries.

Professor Jones is a great admirer of Charles Darwin who believed that genetic factors are passed on through many generations, but that descent always involves modification, because any copy, be it of a picture or a gene, must be less than exact. A duplicate of a copy is less perfect than what went on before. To reproduce in succession is eventually to evolve something new. He felt that errors of descent are the raw material of biological change and the stuff of evolution which is affected by natural selection.

It is now believed that the AIDS virus is proof of descent with modification. Its agent has changed in its brief history and has adapted to overcome the many challenges with which it is faced. It is unique because genes and time come together on human scale. Its long incubation period means that no Third World country has yet faced the truth of what is to come. By 1998 half the adult population of some countries was HIV positive. AIDS is already Africa's greatest killer and the continent's death rate may increase by five times in the next decade. A child born in Botswana today has a life expectancy of twenty years. Variations of this illness exist in other parts of the world.

Surely in the face of such a tragedy our government ought to act to limit the risk to our people. Are we to have a repeat of the lack of swift action that we saw in the recent Foot and Mouth epidemic? It is nonsense to suggest that people are being treated like criminals because they

are detained while health checks are made. I would like to see the party produce a leaflet which stresses the health risk posed by lack of health regulations on persons seeking resettlement in this country.

Mrs J. Jordan
Preston

Patriotic Poem

Ode to the BNP

BNP - a breath of fresh air;

BNP - because they care!

At last a voice to defend this land;

We British now must make a stand.

Join a party that fights for what's dear.

Our Children should never have to live

in fear.

Julie Powell,
London E

Support from young Australia

Let me introduce myself. I am Andrew Wilson from Sydney in Australia and I'm 16. Me and my mates at school really respect what the BNP stands for. We reckon it's a brilliant idea. I just want to say "Great work! Keep it up!"

Because the BNP has such a powerful political weapon in its website it gets a huge amount of support down here in Australia. Heaps of people in Aussie and NZ visit it regularly. I do admit I am a little bit jealous that the BNP are not in Australia!

Andrew Wilson
Email

The lucky prize winner

I was most impressed by Nick Griffin's article in the March issue of "Seeing the Wood from the Trees". Keep up the good work and hopefully gain further support.

PS. I was thrilled to win the prize of £200 at the recent London 'Social Event'

Marie Hughes
London SW

Keep complaining!

When the Afghanistan war started and the faces of the Taliban were flashed across our screen I was struck by the sheer gruesomeness of this ragbag army. To a man they were as ugly as a bullfrog in a sewer! I wrote to the *Daily Mail* letters section pointing out this obvious fact, suggesting that we should consider parachuting plastic surgeons into the

area, rather than soldiers. The *Daily Mail* in its wisdom of course did not publish my letter.

You can then imagine my surprise when on reading the 10th March issue of this paper I find that the writer/playwright columnist Keith Waterhouse had a piece remarking on how ugly the Afghanistan terrorists are and how plastic surgery might be of help.

Plagiarism, I say!

It just goes to show to those who say writing letters of complaint to the media is a waste of time, that it does have a purpose. Your letters are read, they are considered and they are added to the complaint statistics that are invariably kept, albeit in secret.

Complain, Complain, then Complain again! You never know, you might have a moment of fame being plagiarised by a 'famous' person.

F.Conway
Cheshire

Joining the euro disenfranchises our Vote

As a participant in the Countryside March I became the recipient of your magazine *The Countrysider*. I found that it made somewhat sombre reading, primarily because it essentially embraced/confirmed my own long held views. In particular that Blair is embarked upon making this country a vassal state of Europe.

However, my real reason for writing to you is to request that you investigate the legality of what Blair is doing within the context of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Article 21, paragraph 1 states: Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country directly or through freely chosen representatives. Joining the Euro diminishes the power of our government by reducing it to a level of 'administration' rather than 'governing'. They will be administering the country on behalf of unaccountable, unelected bureaucrats in Brussels and Strasbourg.

In essence, joining the Euro disenfranchises every citizens vote. The most powerful symbol of freedom is surely Article 21 and to deny this right to every man, woman and child of this country is surely an illegal act.

R.W.Bryant
Essex

WHAT THEY SAID BEFORE THE ELECTION

Writing this before the election I had to resort to my crystal ball. It was part of a job lot, Baghdad surplus, and visions were rather hazy. However, I did see something about BNP successes in areas where they had not been expected. Perhaps they would be in some of those areas where the local press have treated the BNP candidates very fairly and no longer use "nazi", "fascist", "race-hater" and other political swear words to misrepresent them — although they were still used in the porn king's *Daily Express* and Labour's *Daily Mirror* mouthpiece.

Typical of some of the fair press comments made was the following extract from a report by Iain Burchell in the *Stoke Sentinel* of April 3rd.

"Voters in Chell Heath believe the British National Party is not racist and predict its candidate Doug Smith will triumph in their ward in next month's local elections. They say fears their community will be swamped by asylum seekers have created widespread support for the BNP in Chell and Packmoor... Two of those who agreed to speak said they are actively campaigning for the BNP.

"Brett Gurney, a 26-year-old window cleaner, is delivering BNP leaflets to homes in the area... 'I've been doing my bit for them because I honestly don't think Britain is a big enough country to accommodate all the asylum seekers, and the BNP is the only party that will do something about it... I've spoken to a lot of people about this and I would say about 80 per cent of them say they are sick and tired of asylum seekers coming into the country.

" 'I will be voting for the BNP and most of my family will be doing the same.'

"Another BNP supporter said she is proud to be associated with the party, but did not wish to be named for family reasons.

"She said: 'I'm pleased the BNP are standing here because people need a change from the other parties who don't realise asylum seekers are a problem. The country is getting overrun... My husband and I both support the BNP.'

"Marlene Heath, of, also believes Mr Smith will be elected on polling day. The 48-year-old said: 'I've got sympathy for asylum seekers, but something has to be

done to curb the numbers coming into this country. I don't think the BNP are racist. They are just looking after their own.'

"Mike Harrison, of Chell Heath, welcomed the BNP's decision to contest the ward. He said: 'People should have the choice to vote for something different to the main political parties. I think the BNP has a good chance of doing well here.'

The Smearers

As to be expected, the Far Left organisations such as ANAL (Anti-Nazi League) and the Searchlight Organisation were in action distributing their usual smear leaflets — mainly illegal under election law. But their effect is not what it was and comes under the laws of diminishing returns.

Then there is the campaign being waged by left wing trade union leaders, who are mainly out of touch with the thinking of their members. Typical is this report sent to members of the Communications Workers Union by Billy Hayes, the General Secretary, and which 'fell into our hands'.

JOHN BEAN

COMMUNICATION WORKERS UNION URGENT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Dear Colleagues,

BNP

The General Secretary met with the Branches from the North West Region on 26 March. A report was subsequently given by the General Secretary to the National Executive Council on the 27 March. The situation is very serious with BNP fielding more than 200 candidates in the local elections.

The CWU nationally, and in the North West, is supporting the campaign against the fascists. The Union is taking part in the Coalition Against Racism in Oldham and Burnley. A leaflet sponsored by the CWU is enclosed. Copies of this leaflet for use by Branches can be obtained from the National Assembly Against Racism contact: 0207 247 9907.

Branches wishing to directly assist in the work of the Coalition Against Racism in Oldham and Burnley should contact: 0161 624 1060.

Branches can help by reporting on local BNP campaigns. In addition the General Secretary is prepared to address Regional Committees to discuss coordination of our work.

For further information contact the General Secretary's Department.

Yours sincerely,

BILLY HAYES
GENERAL SECRETARY

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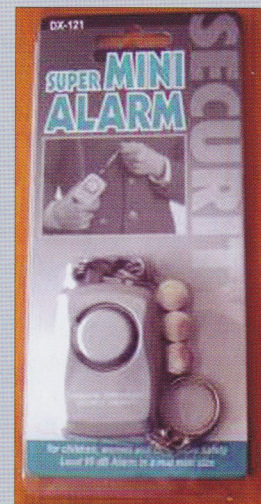
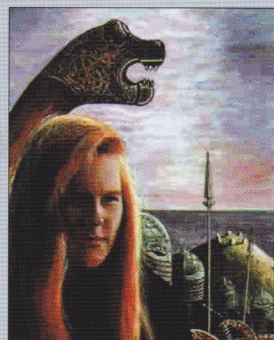
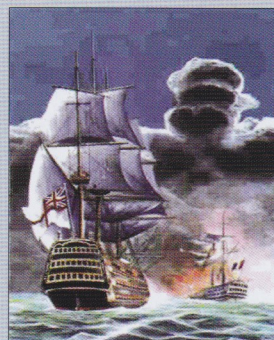
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PINKOS SWITCH BALLS OVER ASYLUM

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BRITISH NATIONAL PARTY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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